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SUBJECT: SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT SCANDINAVIA AND MALTA

1. SAUDI ARABIAN MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OMAR SAQQAF LEFT THE KINGDOM AUGUST 12 FOR A 4-DAY VISIT TO
FINLAND FOLLOWED BY SHORTER VISITS TO DENMARK, SWEDEN AND
MALTA.
2. WE UNDERSTAND THE VISITS ARE IN RESPONSE TO INVITATIONS PENDING
FOR SOME TIME. WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY MAJOR OUTSTANDING
ISSUES WITH ANY OF THE COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED THOUGH MALTA,
OF COURSE, HAS BEEN MAKING A PITCH FOR SAUDI INVESTMENT.
3. SAQQAF IS ACCOMPANIED BY THREE OF THE MOST CAPABLE
SENIOR DIPLOMATS AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE; AMBASSADOR NURI
IBRAHIM, DIRECTOR OF WESTERN AFFAIRS (WHICH INCLUDES
WESTERN HEMISPHERE IN ADDITION TO EUROPE), AMBASSADOR
KHALID NASSER AL-TURKI, DIRECTOR OF GULF AFFAIRS (THOUGH
HIS MAJOR FUNCTION OF LATE HAS BEEN AS SPECIAL
ASSISTANT TO SAQQAF), AND ZEIN DABBAGH, A COUNSELLOR
AT THE MINISTRY WHO HAS ALSO FUNCTIONED OF LATE AS
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SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO SAQQAF.

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